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Title: RADIATION AND MELT TREATED ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR  
WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC DEVICES

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 8, 2004. Applicants do not believe that any fees are required, however, if this is not correct, Applicants request such extension of time and authorize the Commissioner to please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.